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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ARABIA.

Reduction of quarantine period.

Vice-Consul W. H. Lockerman reports from Aden, December 10, 1902, that the quarantine between Aden and Hodeidah has been reduced to five days by the international sanitary board at Constantinople.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec.

Asst. Surg. W. C. Billings reports, December 23, as follows: Week ended Saturday, December 20, number inspected, 44; number passed, 41; number detained, 3. The comparatively small number of immigrants inspected during the week is due to the fact that there are now some 600 of the steamship *Lake Champlain's* steerage passengers detained at quarantine.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

Asst. Surg. John D. Kerr reports, November 25, 1902, as follows: During the week ended November 22, 1902, 6 vessels were inspected, 493 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station and 546 pieces of baggage were disinfected. There was 1 rejection during the week because of fever. The sanitary returns for the week show that there were 2 cases of enteric fever reported, otherwise there were no cases of communicable disease in the colony. The mortality statistics, as published in the Hongkong Government Gazette, show a total of 497 deaths during the month of October, 1902. The total deaths among the British and foreign population were 25, a death rate of 28.1 per 1,000 per annum. The death rate among the Chinese land population was 19.4 per 1,000 per annum and the death rate among the harbor population was 18.5 per 1,000 per annum. Of the total deaths, 2 were due to cholera, 27 to diarrhea, 15 to dysentery, 2 to plague, 41 to malaria, and 52 to beri-beri. Nine were due to general tuberculosis, 1 to leprosy, 10 to meningitis, 23 to tetanus, 25 to bronchitis, 25 to pneumonia, and 56 to phthisis.

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CUBA.

Reports from Havana.

DECEMBER 24, 1902.

Asst. Surg. F. E. Trotter reports as follows for the week ended December 20, 1902:

Number of vessels inspected and issued bills of health, 22; crews of outgoing vessels, inspected, 919; passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 360; health certificates issued, 105; pieces of baggage inspected, 92; pieces of express matter inspected, 35; pieces of freight inspected, 2,999.

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